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TAGS: MARR, DA, GL

SUBJ: THULE HELICOPTERS

REF: COPENHAGEN 3072

1. AIRA MET WITH MINISTRY OF GREENLAND PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY HESSELBJERG ON FEB 13 TO DISCUSS GENERAL GREENLAND/USAF MATTERS. DURING DISCUSSION AIRA RAISED THE HELICOPTER QUESTION. HESSELBJERG SAID THAT THIS HAD NOW EVOLVED INTO A POLITICAL PROBLEM. SOME MEMBERS OF THE GREENLAND COUNCIL, WHICH HAS TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION DUE TO THE MONETARY PROBLEM OUTLINED IN REFTEL, WANT TO RETAIN THE GREENLANDER'S OLD WAY OF LIFE AND CULTURE. THEY FEAR THAT HELICOPTERS WILL SPEED UP MODERNIZATION AND BE ACCOMPANIED BY MANY SOCIAL PROBLEMS. OTHER MEMBERS ARE MORE IN-
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CLINED TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE STANDARD OF LIVING

OF LOCAL POPULATION. MINISTRY APPARENTLY IS CONFRONTED WITH THIS PROBLEM ON ALL OF THEIR IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS, AND HESSELBJERG WANTS TO USE THE HELICOPTER PROBLEM TO BRING THE ISSUE TO A HEAD IN THE COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH MATTER IS TO BE DISCUSSED IN THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING, IT IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE RESOLVED AND IS, THEREFORE, ALSO SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION DURING THE AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING. HESSELBJERG FURTHER ADVISED THAT HE MAY CONTRACT FOR A GREENLAND AIR HELICOPTER TO GO TO THE THULE AREA EVERY FOUR TO SIX WEEKS AND VISIT EACH OF THE LOCAL VILLAGES UNTIL THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED.
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